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Dear WSD Families,

Thank you for your flexibility as we work to provide quality education to the best of our collective abilities during the COVID-19 global pandemic. I know the situation has been challenging for all as we navigate distance learning.

The much-anticipated guidelines for return to school in the fall were just released by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) today. These recommendations were developed in close collaboration with the state Department of Health and Governor Inslee's office.

General principles in the guidance include that school will resume in the fall, either via in-person instruction or through a hybrid learning model involving a rotating schedule and/or an enhanced form of distance learning. The decision about which option works best for each school will be left up to school districts (or in our case, CDHY) to decide, as long as health department guidelines are followed. Because we are a residential school, we will need to also adhere to some additional guidelines from the Department of Health. The OSPI guidance also instructs schools and districts to promote social distancing, screen for illness, wear face coverings (as applicable) and promote good hygiene practices in order to limit the spread of the virus, along with the cancelling or modifying activities that call for large group gatherings. You can view the full guidance issued by OSPI [here](#).

We plan to thoroughly review the guidelines, and engage our staff in discussions about reopening plans and work with our leadership team to develop a local plan for our school based on the state's recommendations. Information about opportunities to weigh in on the school reopening conversation will be forthcoming.

Please know that our number one priority is always the health and safety of our students and staff. This priority will be at the heart of every decision we make. This is uncharted territory and there will be some elements of the plan that will need to be worked out along the way. We

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appreciate your patience as we navigate this process and promise to stay in close communication with you moving forward.

I hope you are staying safe and healthy and we will be in touch soon with more information,

Sincerely,

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